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SUBJECT: THE BATTLE AGAINST WAGE DRIFT

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1. "WAGE DRIFT" IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WAGES SPECIFIED IN THE CENTRAL BARGAIN STRUCK BY THE EMPLOYERS CONFEDERATION (SAF) AND THE LABOR CENTRALS (LO AND PTK) AND THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED IN THE LOCAL CONTRACTS SIGNED AT THE PLANT LEVEL. BOTH LABOR AND MANAGEMENT LEADER

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SHIP HAS BEEN TRYING TO LIMIT WAGE DRIFT TO A MAXIMUM OF ONE OR TWO PERCENT THIS YEAR IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE THE IMPACT OF THE VERY MODEST SETTLEMENT (REFTEL) ON SWEDEN'S CRITICAL EXPORT INDUSTRIES AND SWEDEN'S INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS.

2. BOTH SIDES DEMONSTRATED THE SERIOUSNESS OF THEIR COMMITMENT DURING THE LAST WEEK. ONE OF SAF'S COMPONENT ASSOCIATIONS, THE ENGINEERING EMPLOYERS, FINED THE MANAGEMENT OF SAAB-SCANIA'S JONKOPING PLANT ALMOST \$55,000 FOR GIVING THEIR WORKERS 3 PERCENT WAGE DRIFT WHILE THE METAL WORKERS UNION MOVED TO SQUELCH A SERIES OF WILD CAT STRIKES WHICH SPUTTERED ALONG AT SEVERAL VOLVO PLANTS OVER THE AMOUNT OF WAGE DRIFT TO BE GRANTED THE WORKERS. COMMENT: THE "SOCIAL PARTNERS" HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE SERIOUSNESS OF THEIR INTENT TO STICK WITH THE 1.9 PERCENT WAGE INCREASE AGREED TO IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN MARCH. THIS MAY HAVE AN IMPACT ON PUBLIC
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SECTOR BARGAINING FOR CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHICH APPEARS TO BE ENTERING ITS FINAL PHASE. ONE OF THE ISSUES AT DISPUTE HAS BEEN THE AMOUNT OF WAGE DRIFT TO BE EXPECTED IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.
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